

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/996,131	SWEITZER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Leslie Wong	2164	

All Participants:

Status of Application: _____

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Date of Interview: 4 January 2006

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

Telephonic
 Video Conference
 Personal (Copy given to: Applicant Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: Yes No

If Yes, provide a brief description: .

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Peterson

Claims discussed:

1 and 14

Prior art documents discussed:

Peterson

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner contacted Applicants' representative to discuss Applicants' response regarding the term "TOPOGRAPHY" and "COMPONENT". Examiner indicated that Peterson's topography reads on Applicants claimed "topography" . The representative argued that his response clearly explained the differences between Peterson's topography and Applicants' claimed "topography". Further, the topologies described by Peterson relate to standard network topologies and are not interchangeable with Applicants' topographies. The representative argued that nowhere does Peterson suggest that the components used in Peterson's system are "topography neutral" and are adapted to "interoperate with more than one topography" as claimed by the Applicants. Importantly, Peterson does not teach or suggest analyzing a topography design that corresponds to a topography. Examiner suggested Applicants to further define the meaning of topography and component in an effort to clarify the claimed invention. Applicants agreed to do so and authorized the Examiner to make the changes via an Examiner's Amendment.



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